Agartala and M/s. Dharampal Premchand Ltd., Agartala. However, any unit that satisfies the conditions prescribed in the exemption notification is eligible for its benefit.

Evasion of excise duty by beedi manufacturers

550. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are losing Rs. 1 crore per day on Central excise duty on beedi as manufacturers are evading by fictitious figures;

(b) whether production in unrecognised sector is never shown and sold in local market; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to increase revenue on beedis by contacting trade unions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of the Constitution to ensure stability

551. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed review of the Indian Constitution is intended to ensure stability at the Centre and in the States to complete their respective full terms;

(b) whether such an argument was pleased by the Prime Minister during celebrations of 5Gth anniversary of the Indian Republic; and

(c) if so, what were the circumstances that led to hold elections for State Assembly of Haryana fifteen months ahead of due date?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) During the course of his address at the function to mark the Golden Jubilee of

Republic Day on January 27, 2000, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has emphasised the need for stability, both at the Centre and in the States. However, no aspect of the Constitution has been specifically referred to the "National Commission to Review the working of the Constitution" for examination. The terms of reference of the commission are to examine, in the light of the experience of the past 50 years, as to how best the Constitution can respond to the changing needs of efficient, smooth and effective system of governance and socio-economic development of modern India within the framework of Parliamentary democracy and to recommend changes, if any, that are required in the provisions of the constitution without interfering with its basic structure or features.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to allow foreign lawyers to appear in courts

552. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow foreign lawyers to appear in Indian Courts; and

(b) whether Government also propose to allow foreign legal firms to open offices and practice in India?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Presently, there is no proposal to amend the law to allow foreign lawyers to appear in Indian courts or foreign legal firms to open offices and practice in India.